

Overview

The 2011 Florida Legislature has proposed an overall PreK-12 budget totaling \$12.2 billion which is a \$1.7 billion (12.47 percent) decrease from the 2010-11 fiscal year appropriation. The budget reduces General Revenue by \$519.9 million (5.6 percent) for a total General Revenue allocation of \$8,643.8 million.

Key Issues

- The Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) is reduced by 3.21 percent (\$542.03) per-student from the 2010-11 fiscal year.
- The proposed budget includes approximately \$200 million in General Revenue funds for stimulus depletion and an increase of \$258.5 million from the State School Trust Fund.
- The budget eliminates 54 positions under State Board of Education due to stimulus depletion, operating budget realignment, and Data Center Consolidation.
- Class-size compliance is funded at \$2.93 billion, which is an increase of \$13.6 million provided for student enrollment growth.
- The budget includes an \$859.1 million reduction associated with contribution savings within the Florida Retirement System (FRS) policy within the FEFP. This results in a smaller reduction in FEFP of \$218 (3.21 percent) per student. The resulting per-student funding is \$6,591.62 per student.
- School recognition funding is decreased from \$75 per student to \$70 per student.
- Restores nonrecurring funds of \$906,006 for the Florida School of the Deaf and Blind for an overall reduction of 1.95 percent.
- Increases the Assessment and Evaluation budget by \$2.97 million.

Breakdown

FEFP

- \$16.6 billion budget, which is a decrease of \$1.4 billion (7.53 percent) under the 2010-11 fiscal year appropriation. Per student funding is \$6,267.97 or \$542.03 (7.96 percent) less than the 2010-11 4th FEFP calculation. However, when the savings from FRS are taken into account, the reduction is only \$218 or 3.21 percent.

Voluntary Prekindergarten

- \$384.8million budget, which is a decrease of \$20 million (4.93 percent) under the 2010-11 fiscal year appropriation. The base student allocation for the school year program is \$2,383 or \$180 (7 percent) less than the 2010-11 base student allocation for the school year program. The base student allocation for the summer program is \$2,026 or \$153 (7 percent) less than the 2010-11 base student allocation for the summer program.

Educational Media & Technology

- \$8 million budget, which is an overall decrease of \$2.9 million (26.52 percent) under the 2010-11 fiscal year appropriation.

Federal Grants

- \$2.7 billion budget, which is an overall decrease of \$579.9 million (17.6 percent) under 2010-11 fiscal year appropriation.

State Board of Education

- \$209.6 million budget, which is an overall decrease of \$5.7 million (2.7 percent) under the 2010-11 fiscal year appropriation.

Key Issues Cont.

- The budget includes increases of \$137.9 million for the federal school lunch program, \$5.4 million for federal domestic security grants, \$28.3 million for the federal Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers grant and \$196.9 million for the federal Race to the Top grant.
- The budget eliminates the Instructional Materials Management and Excellent Teaching programs.
- Reduces funding for Public Radio and Television Stations by \$2 million.

Breakdown Cont.

NON FEFP

- \$212.5 million budget, which is a decrease of \$41 million (16.19 percent) from the 2010-11 fiscal year appropriation. Specific non-FEFP budget reductions include:
 - Decreases the School District Matching Grants Program by 15 percent.
 - Decreases the Regional Education Consortium Services by 10 percent.
 - Decreases Exceptional Education by 18 percent.
 - Decreases Learning through Listening by 20 percent.
 - Decreases the Panhandle Area Educational Consortium by 38 percent.
 - Decreases Best Buddies by 15 percent.
 - Decreases Take Stock in Children by 5 percent.
 - Decreases Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resource Centers by 20 percent.
 - Decreases Autism Program by 20 percent.
 - Decreases Learning for Life by 30 percent.
 - Decreases Girl Scouts by 30 percent.
 - Decreases Black Male Explorers by 60 percent.
 - Decreases Assistance to Low Performing Schools by 11 percent.
 - Decreases Big Brothers, Big Sisters by 15 percent.
 - Decreases Boys and Girls Clubs by 15 percent.
 - Decreases YMCA State Alliance by 15 percent.
 - Decreases College Reach Out Program by 55 percent.
 - Decreases New World School of the Arts by 49 percent.
 - Decreases Florida Association of District Superintendent Training by 15 percent.
 - Decreases Principal of the Year by 27 percent.
 - Decreases Teacher of the Year by 27 percent.
 - Decreases School Related Personnel of the Year by 27 percent.
 - Decreases Grants to Public Schools for Reading Programs by 90 percent.
 - Decreases Teen Trendsetters by 37 percent.
 - Decreases Project to Advance School Success by 25 percent.
 - Decreases Arts for a Complete Education by 21 percent.
 - Decreases Academic Tourney by 21 percent.
 - Decreases School District Matching Grants Program by 15 percent.
 - Decreases Sunlink Library Database by 15 percent.
 - Decreases Teacher and School Administrator Death Benefits by 10 percent.
 - Decreases Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind by 1.65 percent.